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The Honorable Conrad Burns
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

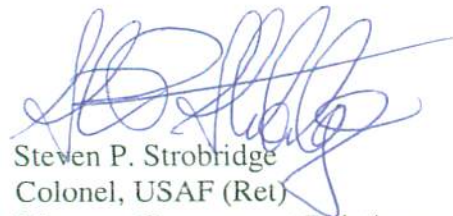
Dear Senator Burns:

I am writing on behalf of the 360,000 members of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) to express MOAA's support for your amendment to allow expanded participation of veterans' service organization representatives in veterans' funeral details.

Your amendment would help ease problems being experienced by the military services in providing sufficient numbers of funeral details to provide appropriate honors for our "Greatest Generation" veterans who are passing from the population in increasing numbers every year. It would expand availability of funeral details by encouraging use of trained veterans in the absence of any active force members, who often are so stretched by their primary duties that none can be made available to render proper honors for those who preceded them in uniform.

MOAA is most pleased to endorse such a practical solution to this important concern.

Sincerely,



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